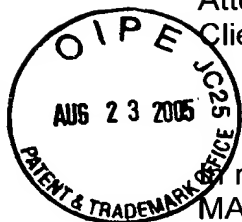


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AMENDMENT/RESPONSE TRANSMITTAL

Transmitted herewith is an amendment/response for this application.

FEES

The fee for claims and extension of time (37 C.F.R. 1.16 and 1.17) has been calculated as shown below:

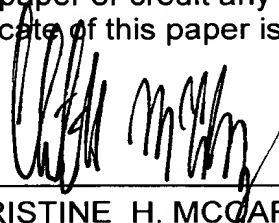
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FIRST PRESENTATION OF MULTIPLE DEP. CLAIM						+ \$ 360.00 =	\$ 0.00
TOTAL ADDITIONAL CLAIM FEE							\$ 0.00
GRAND TOTAL							\$ 0.00

FEE PAYMENT

Authorization is hereby made to charge the amount of \$0.00 to Deposit Account No. 033975. Charge any additional fees required by this paper or credit any overpayment in the manner authorized above. A duplicate of this paper is attached.

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REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated June 3, 2005, please reconsider the patentability of the pending claims based on the following remarks.

The Office Action rejected claims 1, 2, 4-12 and 14-17 under 35 U.S.C. §102(e) as being anticipated by Tseng et al. (U.S. 6,172,974; hereafter "Tseng"), claim 13 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tseng and Valentine et al. (U.S. 6,600,740; hereafter "Valentine") and claim 3 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Tseng and Lev et al. (U.S. 5,608,779; hereafter "Lev"). Applicant traverses the rejections because the cited prior art fails to disclose, teach or suggest the claimed subject matter. For example, analyzed individually or in combination, the cited prior art fails to disclose, teach or suggest a digital telecommunication system "wherein the first and second transcoder units each include speech codecs and each of the terminals comprises one or more speech codecs, the terminals being arranged to provide information regarding the supported one or more speech codecs to their associated switching centres; the first centre is configured to perform handshaking with the second centre, the handshaking including indication of the speech codecs supported by the calling terminal, wherein at least one of the first and second centres is configured to choose the speech codec used commonly by the calling and called terminals, and wherein at least one of the first and second centres is configured to establish call connections that bypass one or more of the transcoder units or to control the transcoder units to transmit encoded speech between the called and calling